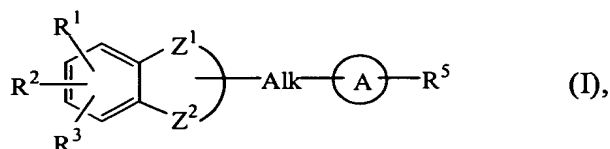


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an *N*-oxide form thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, or a quaternary ammonium salt thereof, wherein Alk is C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonylC₁₋₄alkyl, carbonyl, carbonylC₁₋₄alkyl, or C₁₋₆alkanediyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, carbonyloxy, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, carbonyloxy;

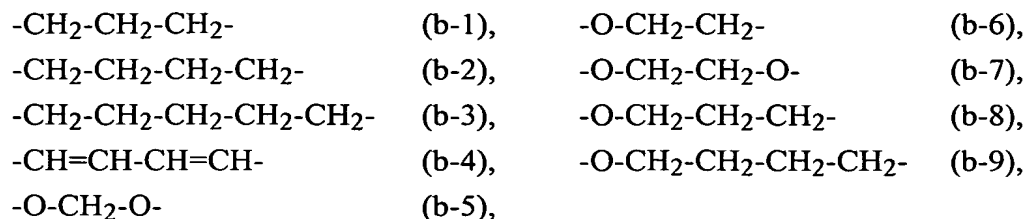
-Z¹-Z²- is a bivalent radical of formula

- O-CH(R⁴)-CH₂- (a-1),
- O-CH(R⁴)-CH₂-O- (a-2),
- O-CH(R⁴)-CH₂-S- (a-3),
- O-CH(R⁴)-CH₂-CH₂- (a-4),
- O-CH(R⁴)-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (a-5),
- O-C(R⁴)=CH- (a-6),
- O-C(R⁴)=CH-CH₂- (a-7),
- O-C(R⁴)=CH-CH₂-CH₂- (a-8), or
- O-CH(R⁴)-CH=CH- (a-9),

wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy;

R¹, R² and R³ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, carbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy-C₁₋₄alkyloxy, carbonyloxy, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, carbonyloxy; or

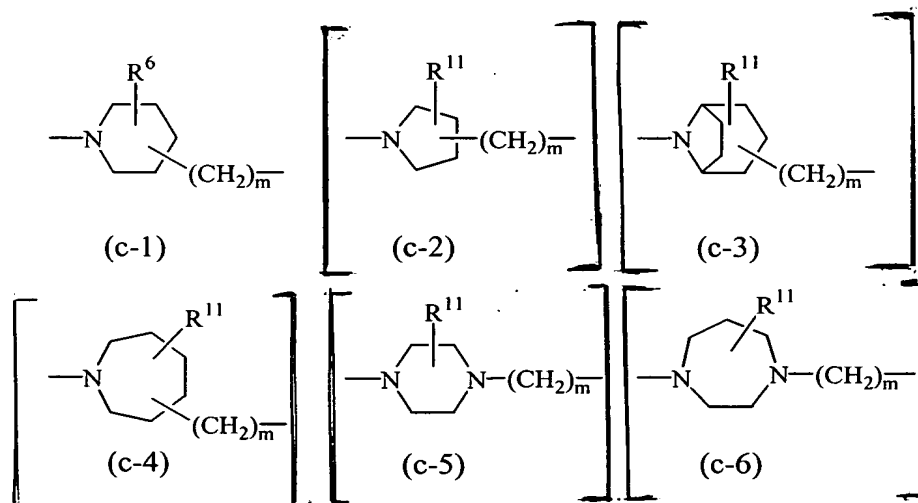
when R¹ and R² are on adjacent carbon atoms, R¹ and R² taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkyl or CH₂OH;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, phenylmethyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy[, or a direct bond when the bivalent radical -Z¹-Z²- is of formula (a-6), (a-7) or (a-8)];

—(A)— is a bivalent radical of formula

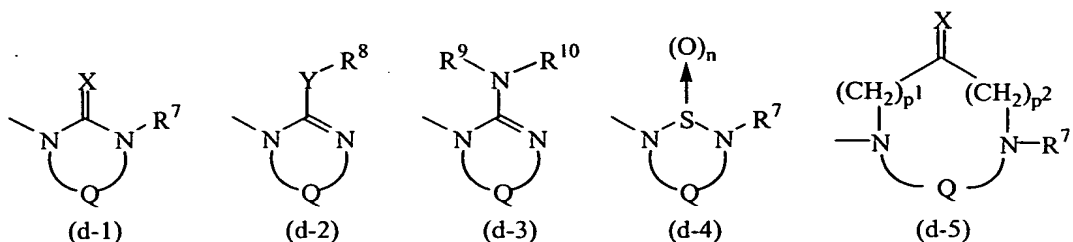


wherein m is 0 or 1;

R⁶ is C₁₋₄alkyl, halo, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy;

[R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, halo, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, or C₃₋₆cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyloxy;]

R⁵ is a radical of formula



wherein n is 1 or 2;

p¹ is 0, and p² is 1 or 2; p¹ is 1 or 2, and p² is 0;

X is oxygen, sulfur, NR⁹ or CHNO₂;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

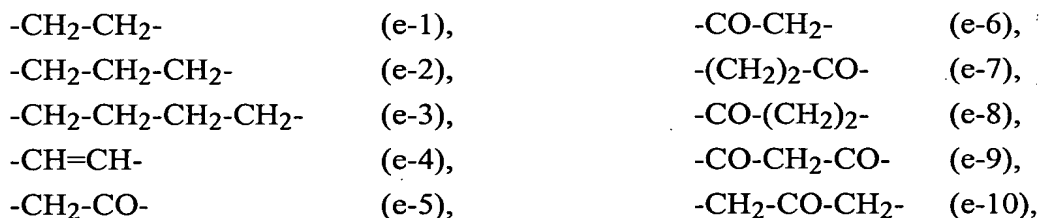
R⁸ is C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

R⁹ is cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

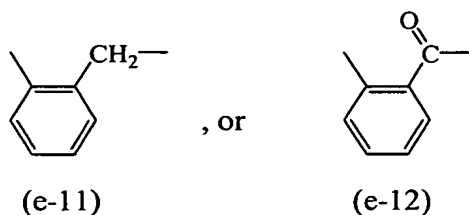
or R⁹ and R¹⁰ taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, or morpholinyl group, optionally substituted with C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkyloxy; and

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxy or phenyl, or

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



Claim 2 (original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^5 is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen, and Q is a radical of formula (e-1) or (e-2).

Claim 3 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^4 is hydrogen; $-Z^1-Z^2-$ is of formula $[-CH_2-CH_2-]$ (a-4), Alk is $-CH_2-$; the bivalent radical $\text{---}(\text{A})\text{---}$ is of formula (c-1) wherein $R^{[1]6}$ is hydroxy or methoxy and $m = 0$; and R^5 is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen, R^7 is hydrogen, and Q is (e-2).

Claim 4 (canceled)

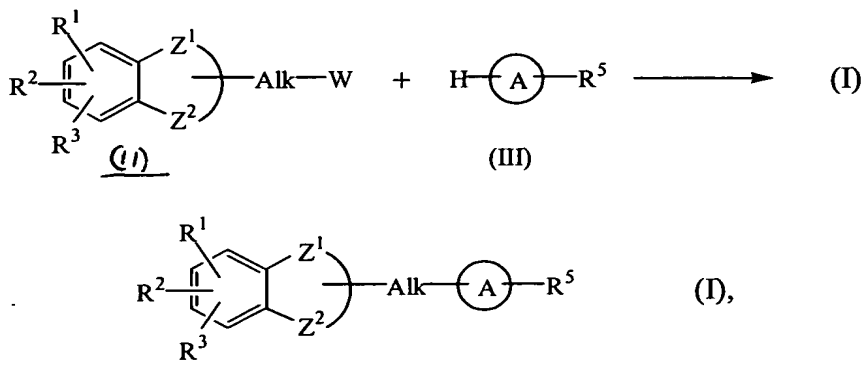
Claim 5 (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^4 is hydrogen; $-Z^1-Z^2-$ is of formula $[-CH_2-CH_2-]$ (a-4), Alk is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}_2-$; the bivalent radical $\text{---}(\text{A})\text{---}$ is of formula (c-1), $m = 0$, R^6 is hydroxy or hydroxymethyl; and R^5 is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen, R^7 is hydrogen, and Q is (e-2).

Claim 6 (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically active amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

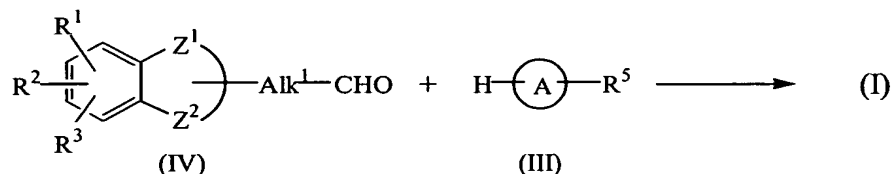
Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein
a) an intermediate of formula (II) is alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III) in a reaction-inert solvent and, optionally in the presence of a suitable base,



- b) an intermediate of formula (IV), wherein Alk^{1'} represents a direct bond or C₁₋₅alkanediyl, is reductively alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III);



wherein in the above reaction schemes the radicals $-Z^1-Z^2-$, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , $[R^4]$, R^5 , Alk and the bivalent radical $-\textcircled{A}-$ are as defined in claim 1 and W is an appropriate leaving group;

- c) or[, compounds of formula (I) are converted into each other following art-known transformation reactions; or if desired;] a compound of formula (I) is converted into an acid addition salt, or conversely, an acid addition salt of a compound of formula (I) is converted into a free base form with alkali; and, if desired, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A method of treating conditions related to a hampered or impaired relaxation of the fundus comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.